



2020 Goal: Adopt-Out/Plant
10,000 Trees
Current Count To-Date:
3,800 Trees

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEON VALLEY TREE ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting of the Leon Valley Tree Advisory Board (TAB) at 6:00 PM, on Monday, July 10, 2017, at Leon Valley Public Works (Employee Breakroom), 6429 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas.

I. Poll for Attendance and Determination of a Quorum.

- Staff Liaison: David Dimaline (Present)
- TAB Forester: Mark Kroeze, Texas Forrest Service (Present)
- Members Present: Thomas Benavides, Denise Berger, Amber Mouser, Diana Sarfin, and Rich Sarfin
- Members Absent: Irene Baldridge, Melinda Dawson, and Mary Key
- Guests: Ana Federico (LV Permit Technician) and Michael Frazier (LV Citizen)

II. Approval of Minutes – June 12, 2017.

- Minutes were approved as written.

III. Adopt-A-Spot Program Presentation by Ana Federico.

- Ms. Federico provided the TAB with a presentation of a new program in Leon Valley, “Adopt-A-Spot”. It is like the Texas Adopt-A-Highway program where an individual or group adopts an area to beautify and/or cleanup.
- Discussions regarding the program are as follows:
 - Volunteers for this program will be required to submit an application which will include a release of liability waiver. The LV webpage will contain all the pertinent details.
 - Project areas will include parks, trails, public grounds, right of way, city monuments, and areas prone to litter such as Zarzamora Creek by the H.E.B. Market Place.
 - Program efforts should be coordinated with the Park Commission and with the Beautification Committee.
 - The TAB can provide a list of desirable trees to be planted, however, the San Antonio Water System webpage already has an extensive list of the best types of trees and plants for this area.

IV. Report on a proposed preliminary plan for trenching areas and fungicide use determined during field investigation (Mr. Dimaline and Mr. Kroeze).

- There are sewer line projects in the oak wilt affected neighborhoods that will provide an opportunity to trench along the city right-of-way. This includes Monte Robles along Bluebird Lane and Stebbins Drive and in Castle Estates along Locker Lane. The funding for these projects are currently being pursued by Public Works.
- TAB will continue to encourage citizens in the affected areas to treat their trees with the oak wilt fungicide.
 - Homes in the path of oak wilt should be identified and their owners should be contacted so that treatment can be started as soon as possible.
 - To improve management of the disease, trees in the affected areas should be mapped with the following information:
 - Trees that have died or contracted the disease.
 - Pathway of the disease.
 - Trees that have been treated to include the date of treatment.

V. Future Agenda Items.

A. Create more Opportunities for Tree Education.

- The next opportunity for tree education will be at our next Arbor Day. Possible dates for this event include October 28, 2017 and November 4, 2017.

B. Create more Opportunities for Tree Planting.

- Mr. Kroeze is currently in a Masters Program and one of his projects is to develop a "Forrest Management Plan". He has selected the LV Natural Area for his project and will be providing the city with a copy of his plan once completed.

VI. Adjourn.

- Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.
- The next meeting of the TAB is scheduled for Monday, August 14, 2017, at 6:00 PM, at Leon Valley Public Works, Employee Breakroom.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Denise Berger".

Chairperson